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At the end of the European War, Spain and Portugal imposed a strict embargo on the export of Wolfram Ore. At that time, the British and American preclusive buying interests had purchased approximately 1000 tons of this ore, which was stock-piled in the two countries, and the Axis forces had purchased approximately 1500 tons of the same ore, which likewise was held under embargo. When the embargo was lifted early in 1946, the U. S. British 1000 tons of Wolfram Ore, 80% of which was standard and 20% residue, was shipped to Great Britain. The 1500 tons of Wolfram ore, belonging to the Axis, was taken over by an Allied Control Council. It is not known which Allied Control Council took over the ore, or to where it was shipped after it was removed from these two countries. It was confirmed, however, that the Axis ore was taken out of Spain and Portugal. It is believed the latter shipment may have aroused suspicion and be that referred to in subject request.

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